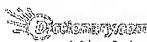


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1. consisting of, having, or involving several or many individuals, parts, elements, relations, etc.; manifold.
2. *Electricity*.
 - a. (of circuits) arranged in parallel.
 - b. (of a circuit or circuits) having a number of points at which connection can be made.
3. *Botany*. (of a fruit) collective.

-noun

4. *Mathematics*. a number that contains another number an integral number of times without a remainder: *12 is a multiple of 3*.
5. *Electricity*. a group of terminals arranged to make a circuit or group of circuits accessible at a number of points at any one of which connection can be made.

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Origin:
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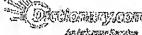
1. having or involving more than one part, individual, etc: *he had multiple injuries*
2. (*US*), (*Canadian*) *electronics* (of a circuit) having a number of conductors in parallel

3. the product of a given number or polynomial and any other one: *6 is a multiple of 2*
4. *telephony* an electrical circuit accessible at a number of points to any one of which a connection can be made

5. short for *multiple store*

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adverb

1. without others or anything further; alone; solely; exclusively: *This Information is for your eyes only.*
2. no more than; merely; just: *If it were only true! I cook only on weekends.*
3. as recently as: *I read that article only yesterday.*
4. in the final outcome or decision: *You will only regret your harsh words to me.*

adjective

5. being the single one or the relatively few of the kind: *This is the only pencil I can find.*
6. having no sibling or no sibling of the same sex: *an only child; an only son.*
7. single in superiority or distinction; unique; the best: *the one and only Muhammad Ali.*

conjunction

8. but (introducing a single restriction, restraining circumstance, or the like): *I would have gone, only you objected.*
9. *Older Use* . except; but: *Only for him you would not be here.*

Idiom

10. only too,
 - a. as a matter of fact; extremely: *I am only too glad to go.*
 - b. unfortunately; very: *It is only too likely to happen.*

Origin:

bef. 900; ME; OE *ānlīc, ānlīch*. See *one*, *ȝly*.

Synonyms

5. solitary; lone. 7. peerless; exclusive.

Antonyms

5. plentiful, common.

Usage note

The placement of **only** as a modifier is more a matter of style and clarity than of grammatical rule. In a sentence like *The doctor examined the children*, varying the placement of **only** results in quite different meanings: *The doctor only examined the children* means that the doctor did nothing else. And *The doctor examined only the children* means that no one else was examined. Especially in formal writing, the placement of **only** immediately before what it modifies is often observed: *She sold the stock only because she needed the money.* However, there has long been a tendency in all varieties of speech and writing to place **only** before the verb (*She only sold the stock because she needed the money*), and such placement is rarely confusing.

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